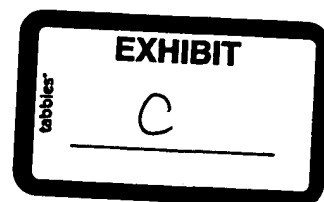


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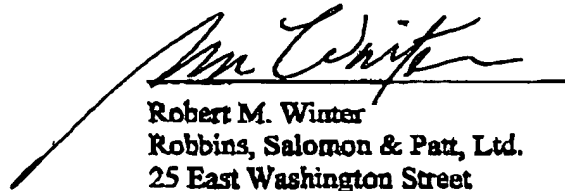
I, Robert M. Winter, state the following of my own personal knowledge:

1. Together with the law firm of Robbins, Salomon and Patt, Ltd., I serve as co-counsel for Preservation Products, LLC ("Preservation Products"), the applicant for reissue application 09/721,586.
2. On November 21, 2000, I sent a letter to Mr. Bendiner's attorney (Richard Shapiro) enclosing the application papers (specification, including claims, and declaration) and requesting that Mr. Bendiner, as the inventor, sign the reissue application declaration for Patent No. 5,840,249. (Exhibit 1).
3. I was informed that Mr. Shapiro forwarded the reissue declaration on December 5, 2000 to Mark Vaughn, also acting as Mr. Bendiner's counsel. (Exhibit 2).
4. I wrote to Mr. Vaughn on December 13, 2000, requesting that Mr. Vaughn have his client sign the declaration. (Exhibit 3)
5. On December 29, 2000, I sent a second letter to Mr. Vaughn, reiterating the request that Mr. Bendiner sign the reissue application declaration. (Exhibit 4).
6. I then learned that the reissue declaration had been forwarded to David F. AuBuchon, counsel for Mr. Bendiner, in January 2001.



7. On January 18, 2001, I wrote to Mr. AuBuchon and asked that he have Mr. Bendiner sign the reissue declaration. (Exhibit 5). I understand that Mr. Bendiner is refusing to sign the declaration, and I have never received the declaration.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed. This declaration is executed this 14 day of May, 2001 at Chicago, Illinois.



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